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Application No.

09/894,851

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/30/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19 and 21-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This Office Action is responsive to Applicant's amendment and request for reconsideration of application 09/894,851 filed on July 30, 2007.

The amendment contains original claims: 3-19 and 21-25.

The amendment contains amended claims: 1-2 and 26.

Claim 20 has been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-19 and 21-26 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to teach or suggest the limitations of the independent claims.

Independent claim 1 discloses a computerized system for creating synthetic credit products comprising a processor, a database, a Capacity Creation module coupled to the processor and database for determining the capacity of a defined financial market that includes at least one entity to absorb defined synthetic credit products at a minimum level of default risk, wherein the synthetic credit products include credit default swaps for structuring and pricing of credit-rating specific credit indexes and a Product Creation module coupled to the processor and database for creating the synthetic credit products including a Product Creation engine for creating the synthetic credit products matched to debt obligations of qualified reference entities based upon

internal templates in accordance with a capacity determined by the Capacity Creation module.

Independent claim 26 discloses a method for creating synthetic credit products comprising determining the capacity of a defined financial market that includes at least one entity to absorb defined synthetic credit products at a minimum level of default risk, wherein the synthetic credit products include credit default swaps for structuring and pricing of credit-rating specific credit indexes and creating the synthetic credit products including creating the synthetic credit products matched to debt obligations of qualified reference entities based upon internal templates in accordance with a capacity determined in the first step; where the steps are performed using a processor coupled to a database.

The primary difference between the claimed invention and the prior art is the use of credit default swaps for structuring and pricing of credit-rating specific credit indexes as credit default swaps are traditionally used for risk transfer between swap participants and not for structuring and pricing of credit indexes as synthetic credit products.

The prior art, such as US Patent No. 5,704,145 to King et al., demonstrates the use of swap markets with flexibility in pricing and terms for various levels of risk, where parties generate contracts based on acceptable levels of risk using a data system for such a transaction and negotiation. A computer system with a database is used to compare proposed risk, market interest rates and other factors in determining pricing for the credit product. However, the system is for the purpose of transferring risk amongst the parties, and not for the use of credit default swaps for structuring and pricing of

credit-rating specific credit indexes as credit default swaps are traditionally used for risk transfer between swap participants and not for structuring and pricing of credit indexes as synthetic credit products.

Further, "Creditex Launches Emerging Markets Platform, Completes First Trade" in PR Newswire discloses an Internet-based platform for trading credit derivatives, including credit default swaps. However, the platform provides a means using the Internet by which a large number of individuals desiring to transfer risk are provided a mechanism by which to do so, and does not include the use of credit default swaps for structuring and pricing of credit-rating specific credit indexes as credit default swaps are traditionally used for risk transfer between swap participants and not for structuring and pricing of credit indexes as synthetic credit products.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Abdi can be reached at 571-272-6702. The fax number for the organization where the application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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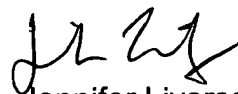
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